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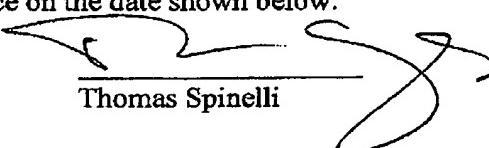
Sir:

Pursuant to the restriction requirement imposed in the Official Action dated October 10, 2006, Applicants elect the claims of Group II, i.e., Claims 48 and 49 for continued prosecution herein.

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